### **REMARKS**

### **Restriction Requirement**

Applicants herein acknowledge the restriction requirement in the above-referenced application. Claims 1 through 46 are currently pending in the application. The Office has identified the following groups of claims as being drawn to separate inventions:

Group I – claims 1 through 38, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 782.

Group II – claims 39 through 46, drawn to a method for making a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 118.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, without traverse.

## **Election of Species Requirement**

Applicants further elect, without traverse, to prosecute the species of invention of Embodiment 1 set forth in claims 1-22, and illustrated in drawing Figs. 1-8.

#### **Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants note the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on September 16, 2003, and note that no copy of the PTO-1449 was returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that the information cited on the PTO-1449 be made of record herein.

# **CONCLUSION**

An early Office Action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

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